## PHI KAPPA PSI FOUNDATION THE GREAT JOY OF SCHOLARSHIP

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### To My Dedicated and Loyal Brothers,

In June, the Phi Kappa Psi Foundation announced 2023's National Scholarship and Fellowship recipients, representative of the "best and brightest" among outstanding brothers across our nearly 100 chapters.

I'm proud to share with you today the difference alumni are making in the lives of two of this year's impressive recipients, young men of exemplary accomplishment both in and outside the classroom. These brothers are leaders in every sense of the word, scaling the heights of academic and professional success in great measure thanks to tools, skills, and resources made available to them through Phi Kappa Psi.

Their achievements owe to every alumnus who maintains an interest in advancing the Foundation's mission, particularly through volunteerism and yearly financial support.

Alumni gifts directly fund not only the robust field of National and District Awards, they also make possible the Foundation's administration of many more chapter-based scholarships. Few men's fraternities exceed the scope of scholarship management our brotherhood is able to offer to every chapter. I commend your loyalty and generosity. Please join me once again in taking up the cause to invest today and change tomorrow.

Fraternally and gratefully,

James C. Denny *W & J '68* Chairman

## PHI PSIS HAVE TRULY CHANGED MY LIFE

Kaden Warner says he grew up "in a bubble." Being raised in the most affluent city in Georgia, Kaden didn't have to worry how things would be paid for. As his college years approached, he assumed that "if I got the grades, someone else would take care of the financial part."

But Kaden's parents made it clear that he had a responsibility to contribute \$4,000 annually to his education. That reality upset him at first. "But the experience has ultimately helped me better understand how the racial wealth gap impacts families on a personal level."

On his winning application for New York Beta's Hunter Brooks Watson Scholarship, Kaden enumerated the school-year and summer jobs that have helped him hold up his end of the deal. He serves as a technology consultant on campus, helping to troubleshoot and solve IT problems for both the Whitman School of Management and individual students experiencing problems.

He also has nurtured a strong interest in serving the needs of the less fortunate. In 2021, Brother Warner began volunteering during the summer at The Drake House, a nonprofit organization in Georgia that assists single mothers and their children who are experiencing homelessness.

"Many of the families housed there had experienced abuse at the hands of a male figure. So at first, the children were understandably cold towards me. I committed to playing with them for hours a day, to show them there are men who genuinely care for them. I learned from these kids who have persevered through circumstances nobody should have to go through ... if they can look homelessness in the eyes and keep smiling every day, what would be my excuse to be anything other than grateful for all the blessings I have in my life?"

After having never imagined that a fraternity could offer him anything of enduring value, Kaden today praises the merits of Phi Kappa Psi.

Kaden Warner Syracuse '21

Syracuse University | New York Beta Whitman School of Management Finance & Real Estate



"My undergraduate days in the chapter have truly changed my life. I am fortunate to know I've had 80+ brothers who are always there to pick me up. And beyond that, without Phi Psi, I wouldn't know how to lead, quite honestly. I had been a little to into myself through high school, but after having been elected to shadow the Executive Board and serve as our chapter's Vice President, I learned so much about how to manage a large group of diverse people. I hope everyone who joins a fraternity is as fortunate as I have been."

"Managing a sizable group of 19-22-year-old men is not easy. Honestly, it's sometimes very challenging. Phi Psi has made me a much more patient person. As a leader, I've learned how to allow people to be themselves, while empowering them to be the best version of themselves."

"I pledge to honor this scholarship by striving for academic excellence, engaging in community service, and embodying the values that Phi Kappa Psi represents ... I hope to make you proud in my future endeavors."

"I definitely want to do something in the future to address the racial wealth gap. I'm currently also working for BNP, a global bank based in Paris that's committed to financing sustainable projects – I love seeing how the world is progressing toward renewable energy. If we don't do something around our planet, we won't have one anymore. My heart, thanks to Phi Psi, is focused on helping people and the planet."



Scan the QR code or visit **pkpfoundation.org/impacting-scholars** to hear a message from Kaden.



## 2023 NATIONAL & DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP STATS

#### Funded directly by the Foundation

- **783 applicants** compared to 378 in 2022
- 46 scholarships awarded totaling \$83,000
- 183 volunteers aided in the review process

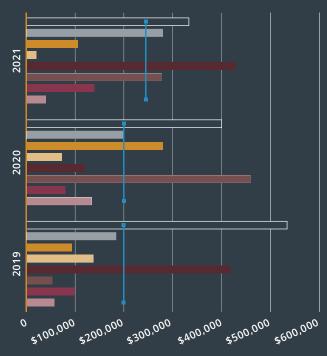
### 2018-2022 5-YEAR AVERAGE IN CHAPTER-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS \$401,000 ANNUALLY

#### Administered/Managed by the Foundation

Phi Kappa Psi Foundation Compared to Selected Other Men's Fraternal Foundations

	2019	2020	2021
Phi Kappa Psi	\$534,460	\$400,404	\$333,205
Average Foundation	\$199,324	\$199,971	\$244,811
Beta Theta Pi	\$184,000	\$280,405	\$280,045
Delta Tau Delta	\$93,362	\$72,550	\$106,096
Lambda Chi Alpha	\$137,218	\$119,835	\$20,650
Phi Gamma Delta	\$419,501	\$459,775	\$429,225
Pi Kappa Alpha	\$52,882	\$80,607	\$276,831
Pi Kappa Phi	\$99,161	\$134,133	\$139,657
Sigma Nu	\$57,350	\$1,595	\$39,650

Average Men's Fraternal Foundation



# LIVE EVER. DIE NEVER.

For Colorado Alpha scholarship winner Frank Lynch, the familiar Phi Psi motto holds deep significance.

Earlier this year, Frank was awarded the "Honor Connor" scholarship. This chapter-based award was created in memory of Connor Thomson, an undergraduate chapter brother who died in a car accident in late 2020. "To live ever and die never reflects the vision our brothers have for keeping Connor's legacy alive for brothers to come," Frank says. "Even though I was never able to meet Connor personally, the impact he has had on me during the past years of my college life is a true testament to who he was and what he represented. The red Honor Connor bracelet I wear daily reminds me to serve others, and always lend a helping hand with a positive attitude regardless of the situation. This is the message I received from his father and the older brothers who were best friends with him."

Brother Lynch's commitment to service is evident in various fraternity and campus roles.

His leadership as Academic Chair his sophomore year left a positive mark on the chapter. "I did grade





Frank Lynch Colorado '21 University of Colorado, Boulder | Colorado Alpha Leeds School of Business Accounting & Finance

check-ins with every brother throughout the semester, with weekly presentations of awards to brothers attending study halls and improving their scores. With this strategy, I led our brothers from a #14 ranking to #2 in average GPA among all men's fraternities on campus."

As a peer mentor within the Leeds School of Business and Director of Membership in an honors society for accounting and finance students, Frank is also changing lives for the better. "I am able to advise students on networking, interviews, and obtaining internships, which provide them a jumpstart on their professional careers."

At home in Chicago, Frank serves alongside his dad at Saint Mary of the Lake soup kitchen. And last spring, he studied and served for a semester in Tanzania. "It is so beautiful there – my favorite place in the world. I spent days volunteering in local villages impacted by climate change. I have been able to raise and personally donate thousands to build churches and provide aid to schools and orphanages. Teaching the children English has been very rewarding." His time spent studying wildlife conservation was an eye-opening experience that helped Frank "learn new ways to help conserve what is left of the natural world for generations to come."

It was after Brother Lynch's father lost his job in February that Frank decided to apply for the Honor Connor scholarship. Beyond easing his parents' burden of helping to pay for his schooling, "I wanted to represent Connor's legacy and also honor his father David's kindness and generosity."

"I truly believe that the value of loving your neighbor is what is most important in life. Whether I know the person or it is a stranger I try my best to treat everyone with the respect they deserve ... to help all people from different walks of life and putting differences aside for the common good of helping your neighbor."